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1. SCIATT MET JUNE 8 WITH KORNEYEV TO DISCUSS PROGRAM FOR HANDLER DELEGATION. ALTHOUGH PROGRAM SITLL NOT IN FINAL FORM, IT IS OBVIOUS FROM PRELIMINARY DRAFT THAT DELEGATION WILL BE VERY WELL RECEIVED AND HAVE EXCELLENT SELECTION OF SCIENTIFIC VISITS WITHIN LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE. FINAL VERSION HAS BEEN PROMISED BY EARLY NEXT WEEK. WE WERE UNABLE TO ACQUIRE PRELIMINARY VERSION.

2. ITINERARY WILL BE MOSCOW- LENINGRAD- MOSCOW- NOVOSIBIRSK- MOSCOW. HANDLER WILL FLY FROM NOVOSIBIRSK TO WARSAW ON JUNE 29. ENTIRE DELEGATION WILL BE IN NOVOSIBIRSK (EXCEPT MCDONALD, WHO WILL BE BOATING ON LAKE BAIKAL) JUNE 27-28. WHILE HANDLER IS IN WARSAW, REST OF DELEGATION WILL VIIST TASHKENT- SAMARKAND- BUKHARA (JUNE 29-30.) ENTIRE PARTY RE - GROUPS IN MOSCOW JUNE 1-3.

3. BRAUSHTEYN WILL BE IN GERMANY AT TIME OF HANDLER VISIT, BUT OTHERS MENTIONED PARA TWO REFTEL WILL BE IN MOSCOW.

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4. HANDLER WILL DELIVER HIS ADDRESS AT ACADEMY PRESIDIUM ON FRIDAY, JUNE 22, AT 10:00 HOURS.

5. KORNEYEV STRONGLY ADVISES BROOKS TO GO WITH GROUP TO NOVOSIBIRSK- TASHKENT RATHER THAN KIEV. KORNEYEV BELIEVES THAT KIEV REALLY HAS NOTHING TO OFFER BEYOND WHAT BROOKS WILL ALREADY HAVE SEEN IN OTHER PLACES. FURTHER, NOVOSIBIRSK, WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE OMITTED FROM BROOKS PROGRAM IF HE OPTED FOR KIEV, IS OF VASTLY GREATER INTEREST. SCIATT MENTIONED THAT AS JOINT COMMISSION MEMBER, BROOKS PARTICULARLY WANTED TO VISIT SHELEST' AND INSTITUTE BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE KIEV- RUTGERS COOPERATION, AS WELL AS FOR PROFESSIONAL REASONS. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE WITH KORNEYEV, REQUEST DECISION FROM BROOKS ASAP SO PROGRAM CAN BE PUT IN FINAL FORM.

6. RE PARA FOUR REFTEL, TECH HAD IN MIND EMBASSY RECEPTION TO WHICH HANDLER' S CONTACTS DURING USSR STAY WOULD BE INVITED, INCLUDING PRESIDENT KELDYSH, DIRECTORS OF THOSE INSTITUTES WHERE HANDLER PARTY VISITS, SELECTED ACADEMICIANS, AND OTHER PROMINENT SCIENCE FIGURES IN MOSCOW (E. G., KIRILLIN). IN ADDITION, IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE GOOD OCCASION FOR CURRENT CROP OF NAS ENXCHANGEES TO MEET HANDLER. (WHEN THESE US SCIENTISTS IN MOSCOW LEARNED OF HANDLER' S VISIT, THEY ALL EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN TALKING WITH HIM.) POSSIBLY THE IMMEDIATE SOVIET SUPERVISORS (FROM VARIOUS INSTITUTES) OF THE EXCHANGEES COULD ALSO BE INVITED. TOTAL NUMBER OF INVITEES WOULD BE ABOUT 75-100. COST OF COCKTAIL- CAMAPE RECEPTION RUNS ABOUT \$2.50 PER PERSON. EMBASSY PARTICULARLY APPRECIATIVE THAT NAS OFFERS TO HOLD RECEPTION AT NAS EXPENSE, BECAUSE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONAL FUNDS ARE EXHAUSTED. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS TYPE OF RECEPTION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. IT HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY INSERTED IN PROGRAM AND WOULD BE HELD THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 21. KORNEYEV WILL SUPPLY LIST OF SOVIETS TO BE INVITED, SINCE EMBASSY STILL DOES NOT KNOW NAMES OF THE MOST IMPORTAINT SOVIET SCIENTISTS WITH WHOM HANDLER WILL HAVE CONTACT.

7. FYI: ONE OF REASONS EMBASSY BELIEVES INCLUSION OF NAS EXCHANGE SCIENTISTS IN GENERAL RECEPTION IS DESIRABLE (RATHER THAN MEETING WITH THEM SEPARATELY) IS THAT IT WILL DEMONSTRATE PUBLICLY AND AT HIGH LEVEL TO SOVIETS THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NAS SERIOUSLY SUPPORTS THIS PROGRAM. SUCH EXPOSURE MIGHT HELP PRESENT AND FUTURE NAS EXCHANGEES BY ENCOURAGING SOVIETS TO BE MORE ATTENTIVE TO THEIR NEEDS AND TO GIVE MORE SUBSTANTIAL AID TO THEM IN ENSURING A PRODUCTIVE CARRYING OUT OF THEIR RESEARCH PROGRAMS AND IN SOLVING DIFFICULTIES THAT INEVITABLY ARISE FOR THEM.
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